GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN FOOD SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food subsidy has been reduced for some States by the Union Government during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any criteria has been fixed for providing food subsidy to the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether measures have been taken by the Union Government to supply foodgrains as per their demand in various States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The food subsidy is released to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the State Governments who have opted for decentralised procurement scheme (DCP), for the quantity of foodgrains distributed at Central Issue Prices (CIPs) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes (OWS). The difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and CIP is borne by the Central Government as food subsidy.

(e) & (f): For AAY and BPL families foodgrains are allocated to State Governments to meet the requirement @ 35 kg. per family per month. For APL families, allocation is made depending upon availability of foodgrains in central pool and by linking it with offtake of previous years.